

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-27 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-11, 13-19, 21-22, and 25-27 have been amended as shown on pp. 2-8 of the Reply. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments herein. If any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP140USB].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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